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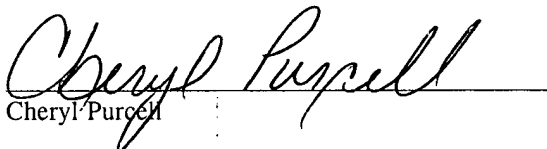
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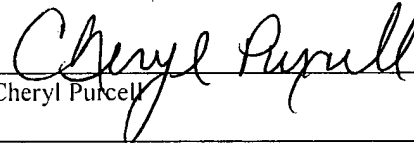
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.